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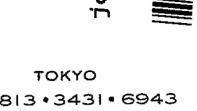
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SUBSTANCE IN LIQUID PHASE INTO PLASTICS GRANULES
being a Continuation of International Patent Application NO. PCT/EP99/10258
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a **Continuation** application of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP99/10258, filed on December 20, 1999, which claimed priority of **European** Patent Application No. 98204456.2, filed December 29, 1998, and of US Provisional Application No. 60/114,534, filed on December 31, 1998.

- 1. Application 47 pages, including 2 independent claims and 44 claims total (as amended).
- 2. Copy of cover page of International Publication No. WO 00/38895 with Abstract of the Disclosure.

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- 3 Preliminary Amendment.
- 4 Drawings 8 sheets of formal drawings containing 11 figures.
- Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents attached.
- 6 The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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This application is being filed under the provision of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

Applicants claim the right to priority based on **European** Patent Application No. 98204456.2, filed December 29, 1998, and benefit of US Provisional Application No. 60/114,534, filed on December 31, 1998.

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Please accord this application a serial number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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